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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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Also, Applicants enclose a copy of the Chinese language Office Action for the corresponding patent application filed in Taiwan, together with two references cited therein.

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On the front page, right-hand lower portion in the Chinese-language Office Action, the terms “起算 92 年 11 月 19 日”, “期限 93 年 1 月 18 日前”, and “NOV 19, 2003” mean “Date from which a period of time is reckoned: November 19, 92 (2003)”, “Deadline: by January 18, 93 (2004)”, and “November 19, 2003”, respectively.

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